

it may still accomplish, on some other field, the gracious purpose for which it was sent, and in a no less remarkable manner than if, after having fulfilled a due period of probation, "the Lord had counted *him* faithful, putting him into the ministry."

The Committee have deemed it necessary to advert to this case, for the following reasons :—

1st. To explain why further action will not be taken on Mr. Thirion's letter, transmitted to the Commission.

2nd. To illustrate the prudent and zealous conduct of their excellent missionary, and shew how worthy he is of the confidence the Synod have reposed in him.

The Committee with pleasure report, that the discouragements which your missionary has met with in his work are not of a formidable description, and that the encouragements have been considerable. There has been no attempt at open persecution. He has been always received with respect. The indirect persecution of his people, alluded to in his letter, perhaps, is not more than might be expected, considering the malignant spirit of the apostacy against which he contends, and may be alleviated by the plan he has proposed. The greatest obstacles he has had to contend with are such as result from the want of a proper place of worship, and an efficient system of auxiliary labour. To these points the Committee would earnestly solicit the attention of the Synod, and recommend that immediate steps be taken for the erection of a chapel, which might be so constructed as might, in the mean time, be a suitable house for the residence of the missionary, and a school-room.

To any one who will reflect for a moment on the subject, these objects will appear of great importance. Besides tending to consolidate the congregation, and to relieve the mission of the expense incurred in renting a place for public worship, many other advantages will obviously result from having a simple but neat building, in which the congregation would assemble, which it is unnecessary here to enumerate.

The circumstance that many inquirers after Divine truth come from the country, renders the erection of a mission-